

2 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can you believe that it is the end of week 7 already and there are only three weeks before school holidays? The students at Richardson Primary School have extended their learning by participating in:

- Kulture Break
- Science Fair preparations
- Kindergarten Community Walk
- Preschool Satellite Selfie
- Science investigations with educators from Mungga-iri Jingee
- Shell Questacon Science Circus
- SRC Fundraiser for Youth Off the Streets
- Green Team
- RIPP

As the weather begins to warm up, we remind families to ensure that their child comes to school with a drink bottle. Due to COVID restrictions, drinking bubblers are not available. Children are able to refill their drink bottles at the drink bottle refill stations on the playground.

### **Improve learning and achievement for all students**

In week 5 the students and teachers at Richardson Primary School celebrated Science Week. Classes participated in scientific investigations and began thinking about Science Fair projects. Paula and Caroline from Mungga-iri Jingee, formally known as the Centre for Innovation and Learning (CIL), visited classes across the school to work alongside teachers to deliver inspiring science lessons. We look forward to sharing our science projects with the community at the Richardson Primary School Science Fair which will be held on Thursday 17 September in the school hall.

The Richardson Preschool groups finally had the opportunity to participate in the ANU's National Science Week Satellite Selfie project last week. The original satellite selfie was postponed due to bad weather in cloud cover. Mrs Turtle worked with the children to paint murals of a butterfly, black cockatoo and a swan to represent our three preschool classes. The murals were placed outside for the satellite cross over last Tuesday 25 August.

Last Monday all classes across the school were entertained and enlightened by the Shell Questacon Science Circus performance. This opportunity stimulated and challenged our students to explore science and technology for themselves.

### **Develop an expert teaching team**

Last week the staff participated in the Education Directorate's professional learning initiative, 'Essential Instructional Practices in Literacy'. Renowned literacy consultant, Christine Topfer is working collaboratively with selected ACT schools to support the professional development of teachers as well as the implementation of research-based practices into classrooms. We look forward to continuing these studies across the remainder of the year.

### **Provide a safe, inclusive and respectful school culture**

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The School Satisfaction Survey has now closed. Thank you to all those families who took the time to provide us with your thoughts. This valuable feedback helps us to reflect on what we are doing well and what we may need to improve. We are always open to receiving your feedback and welcome your thoughts via the front office.

We recently farewelled Ms Annie-Lea our YWCA Canberra Clubhouse Coordinator. Annie-Lea has been an outstanding Youth Worker for young people in the Tuggeranong area. She collaborated with our school on a number of initiatives, most notably the Reconciliation Action Challenge during Friday afternoon Richardson Interests and Pursuits Program (RIPP). Annie has moved on to pursue a new challenge and role within YWCA Canberra and we wish her all the best. Canberra Clubhouse at Richardson Primary School will continue every afternoon. For more information on the Canberra Clubhouse please see the front office or call the YWCA Canberra.

In week 5 we came together as a school to share learning and celebrate successes at our first whole school assembly since March. The assembly was live streamed through our Facebook page and we had 647 views! In Week 7 the 2/3 class will host our first assembly with a 'real-life' audience. If you are coming along, please ensure that you observe our social distancing protocols by only sitting in the allocated seats. We look forward to welcoming you back to our entertaining assemblies.

This Friday we will be celebrating all the Dads and significant figures in our students' lives by hosting a Father's Day sausage sizzle breakfast. Please come and share a sausage and a breaky juice with us at the front of the school. Sausages will be ready to go from 8.30am.

Kind regards

Natalie Hogan  
Executive Teacher

### **Support for Canberrans to Connect During COVID-19**

In a year that has tested all aspects of Canberra's wellbeing, we have been reminded of our responsibilities to each other and the power of community. The Community Services Directorate has developed the Wellbeing Calls Service and Connect in Canberra website to keep the community informed and connected through COVID-19.

The Wellbeing Calls Service is provided by the Australian Red Cross and is available to all ACT residents who would like to register for a free phone call to feel more connected and less isolated. You can call the service on 02 6234 7630 between 8am and 4pm weekdays or register for a call by completing the CSD SmartForm found on the Community Services website. On the Connect in Canberra website, you can access a range of support services including emergency food relief and visit sections on Supporting Our Neighbours (including a Know Your Neighbour card), Online Safety, Health and Wellbeing, Activities Hub, Kids Corner, What's On and a Community Activities Pack.

Richardson Primary School acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay respect to the United Ngunnawal Elders Council and to the Elders, both past and present of the Ngunnawal nation. We also extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community.

# Student Awards

The following students will be receiving an award at assembly on Friday 4 September 2020. Assembly is 9:15am in the Hall.

NAMES	CLASS
Estelle Meek	KS
Thomas Banks	KS
Chloe Wicks	1M
Ryder Monaghan-Waugh	1M
Sunksh Dheer	1/2H
Grace McLucas	1/2H
Nathan Howe	2/3L
Ruby Jarrett	2/3L
Hanna Corko	3/4D
Lachlan Tearne	3/4D
Ava Chalk	5/6SG
Jaxson Smith	5/6SG
Kai Clarke	5/6SG
Chase Rustenburg	K-5T
Alexander Limphongern	K-5T

## SCHOOL TIMES

9:00 - 11:00am First Session  
 11:00 - 11:15am Supervised Lunch Eating  
 11:15 - 11:45am Lunch Time Play  
 11:45 - 1:15pm Middle Session  
 1:15 - 1:45pm Recess/Play  
 1:45 - 3:00pm Afternoon Session

# DAB Awards

Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Bronze 25 DAB Wristband at Friday's Assembly. These students have consistently displayed our signature behaviours of being Respectful, Positive Learners and Safe.

NAMES	CLASS
Jaxson Smith	5/6SG
Clayton Wadley	5/6SG
Callum McBeth	KS
Chase Rustenburg	K-5T
Urwah Saeed	KS
Bailey Phillips	KS
Isabel Burger-Ciechan	KS
Xavier Fensom	2/3L

Congratulations to the following students who will receive their Silver 75 DAB Wristband at Friday's Assembly.

Mia Roberts-Kulmar	5/6SG
Isabella Reynolds	5/6SG

## Koori Preschool Program

The Koori Preschool Program consists of five Koori Preschools located at the following ACT schools:

- Kingsford Smith School
- Narrabundah Early Childhood School
- Ngunnawal Primary School
- Wanniasa School
- Richardson Primary School.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 3-5 years can participate in a culturally safe play-based program for 15 hours per week to enhance and strengthen cultural connections, identity, and transitions.

Applications to enrol are made online through the ACT Education website [www.education.act.gov.au](http://www.education.act.gov.au)

For further information phone ACT Education on 6207 1106.

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## Whats happening in Kakadu

We have been working extremely hard at the senior end of the school. Every student is engaging in learning in all areas of the curriculum.

### Learning in 5/6GS

In literacy, the students in 5/6SG are currently investigating writing to recount. We are focussing on writing recounts about our personal experiences on the goldfields from our history unit. Using the writing process, the students are engaging in the planning, drafting, editing and re-crafting cycle. The students are giving productive feedback to other students and then using the feedback to improve their writing. Cooperative reading is continuing this term where students work together in small groups to read a chosen text. The students take turns to complete each of the cooperative reading roles over eight sessions and then present a small group presentation about their book to the class.



In maths, the students are learning about multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. In measurement, they are challenging themselves to design a house with certain specifications. In our history unit, the students are also using mental computation strategies and measurement skills to support their learning. Our work with data collation and representation is being consolidated through science investigations.

In inquiry, we are learning about Australia's history, specifically around the gold rush era in the 1850s. The students have become gold prospectors and mine for gold. They must assay (submit to be weighed) the gold to earn money to pay for living expenses, including their miner's licence. There are big fines for being caught without your miner's licence on the goldfields.



In science, we are preparing for the upcoming Richardson Primary science fair. The students are developing an inquiry question and turning it into a hypothesis that they will then investigate using fair testing. We are looking forward to sharing their experiments with the school community in week 9.



### Year 5 and 6 Combined Band

Later this term, Richardson Primary will host the combined band practice with approximately 40 students from two other schools in Tuggeranong. The students will play a number of songs together. This is a great opportunity for the student to extend their musical skills and make positive connections with students from other schools.

### Learning in 3/4D

This Term, we welcome Ms Ana Salipur, a pre-service teacher in her 4th year, from the Australian Catholic University. Ana delivers high quality lessons for the students and has enthusiastically embraced her time at Richardson Primary.

In literacy, the students in 3/4 D have been learning about the roles in cooperative reading and putting these into practice during our reading sessions. We have learnt to become critical thinkers and demonstrate that we can go deeply into our chosen texts. The roles of Illustrator, Discussion Manager, Code Breaker and Investigator have seen us further our love of reading, gain confidence in peer and group discussions and support each other in a structured environment.

During writing, the students are investigating procedural texts and what makes a clear and concise instruction. We have examined procedures that have picture prompts, those that only have written instructions as well as video instructions. The students collaborated on writing a rubric that assesses the effectiveness of instructions in each of these procedures.



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In maths, the students have been examining effective and efficient strategies to use in multiplication and division. During these sessions they have been using the jigsaw method to become experts in their strategies, and taught these to other students. We have also been becoming data collectors and learnt how to represent the data using the different types of graphs. This has been very helpful in transferring this knowledge across to our science unit in which different graphs are used to represent our investigations.



In Inquiry, we have been investigating Ngunnawal history, Ngunnawal dialect and their connections between language, place/country and spirituality. They have investigated things in their local community that have changed and remained the same, as well as groups and individuals that have contributed to our community's development.

We have also examined the physical and chemical changes between substances in our science unit. The students have looked at what makes a fair test, what variables are and how they can influence a fair test.

Yuumma = hello.

Wanngirali = listen.

Ma dji nhu = you.

Wuradji = from.

Yerrabi = let's go/goodbye

In science, we are working tirelessly for our upcoming science fair in week 9. We have been supported by Mrs Paula Taylor, who has taken the children through the scientific process, offered some excellent suggestions for the science fair and has shown us the difference between an activity and a valid scientific investigation. The students are currently formulating questions for their experiments that will be presenting during the science fair.



## Caring and Sharing





### 50 Nights Reading Awards

Paige Goodard	1M
Harjas Singh	KS
Lucas Batchelor	1/2H

### 100 Nights Reading Awards

Paige Goodard	1M
Benjamin Waters	1M
Chloe Wicks	1M
Lucas Batchelor	1/2H

### 170 Nights Reading Awards

Catherine McKay	1/2H
Lucas Batchelor	1/2H

## MEDICATION

### DEPARTMENTAL POLICY REQUIRES SCHOOLS TO ENSURE THAT:

Any request for administering medications must be in writing. The school **will not** administer medication without required documentation.

The medication must be accompanied by clear written instructions on the method of administration, timing and dosage, and signed by a doctor. Forms can be provided by the school upon request.

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Phone: 6180 5777

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3. Support writing and the ability to demonstrate understanding.
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#### Webinar Registration

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#### Videos on the program

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvSZbmGbKpCTkk3S93CXtQWNf50f\\_Ow3D&disable\\_polymer=true](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvSZbmGbKpCTkk3S93CXtQWNf50f_Ow3D&disable_polymer=true)

<https://www.texthelp.com/en-au/products/read-write/read-write-for-google/>

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